(d) Of the 241 cases of robbery reported during the period from 1st May, 2003 to 31st October, 2003, 62 cases have not yet been worked out. Similarly, out of 7733 cases of theft reported during the same period, 5468 cases have not yet been worked out.

Modernisation of Police

148. DR. A.R. KIDWAI :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry's proposal for modernizing police in State has not so far been considered;

(b) if so, whether the High Court on August 1, 2003 had asked the Ministry to submit a time-bound plan for computerizing Delhi Police records, providing more personnel for security wing and other functions;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for not implementing the police reforms; and

(d) by when Government are likely to come forward to have police reforms to improve the security of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) No, Sir. It has been considered and approved by the Government.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Hon'ble High Court in Delhi had in its order dated 1.8.2003 in the CWP No. 3436 of 1998, titled Rajiv Awasthi *Vs* Union of India and others, *inter-alia*, directed the Union of India to place on record the time-frame within which the following four Schemes relating to strengthening/modernization of Delhi Police would be implemented.

(i) Introduction of computerization at the Police Station level in Delhi Police;

(ii) Separation of crime investigation from law and order functions at Police Station level;

(iii) Setting up Metro Rail Police Station/Posts; and

(iv) Strengthening of security arrangements on VVIP routes;

The Hon'ble Court was informed that while the proposal relating to strengthening of security arrangements on VVIP routes had been finalized by the Government, tie time-frame for finalization of the remaining Schemes would be as follows :—

(i) Separation of crime investigation from law and order functions at the police Station level-by 31st March, 2004;

(ii) setting up of Metro Rail Police Station/Posts-by 31st March,2004; and

(iii) Introduction of computerization at the Police Station level-within one year and six months.

(c) and (d) The issue of Police Reforms has been a constant concern of the Government of India. The National Police Commission and the Padmanabhaiah Committee on Police reforms were set up by the Government of India and their recommendations were sent to the State Governments for consideration and implementation, as "Police" is a State subject under the Constitution of India and it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments of carry out police reforms. The Government of India have been mornitoring the progress of action taken by the State Government in this regard, and providing necessary funds for modernization of police forces, including better training of in-service personnel and fresh recruits, setting up of forensic science laboratories, computerization and other scientific aids to investigation.

Police Reforms is a continuous process and Central Government has been continuously emphasizing these issues.

Payment of Freedom Fighters Pension

149. SHRI ABANI ROY :

SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases pertaining to pension payments to freedom fighters are pending with Government;

(b) if so, how many such cases are pending. State-wise and what steps are being taken to clear these cases; and

(c) whether some officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs have been caught red-handed by the CBI for accepting bribe in clearing freedom fighters' pensions cases and if so, the details thereof?